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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-10 and 15-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 11-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 5-10 and 15-21 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend on another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 5-10 and 15-21 are not further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andersson et al (WO 01/81031) or Deckard (US 4,863,538) in view of Deckard et al (US 5,155,324) or Beaman et al (US 5,352,405).

Andersson or Deckard '538 shows the method and the arrangement claimed including a work table on which a three-dimensional product is to be built on a selected area, a power dispenser to provide successive thin layer of powder to be fused by a radiation gun, and a computer to control the radiation gun according to a programmed scheme or steps. But, Andersson and Deckard '538 do not explicitly show the selected area is divided into a plurality of small parts which of each including an inner area and an edge.

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Deckard '324 shows that it is known to provide a selected area with a plurality of small inner areas with an edge that are scanned and fused by a radiation gun such as a laser (Fig 3a and 3b). Deckard '324 further shows that it is known to scan an edge of a selected area with its inner areas being scanned there after (Fig 4a and 4b). Beaman also shows that it is known in the art to provide a selected with a plurality of small inner areas with an edge wherein the inner areas that are further selected by the computer.

In view of Deckard '324 or Beaman, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to adapt Andersson or Deckard '538 with the selected area being divided into plurality of inner areas with an edge that defines the selected area and to fuse or scan the inner areas so that inner area with its edges being fused together and further defining the selected area with the computer controller setting and prioritizing the treatment of the selected area.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SANG Y. PAIK whose telephone number is (571) 272-4783. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tu Hoang can be reached on (571) 272-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3742